

The Daily Ardmoreite.

VOLUME TWENTY-THREE

ARDMORE, OKLA., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1916.

NUMBER 77.

RUSSIANS DESPERATELY FIGHTING BACK AUSTRIANS AT CZERNOWITZ

RUSSIANS ADVANCING AGAINST AUSTRIANS THERE, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S REPORTS FROM THAT FRONT.

Berlin Says there has been only Mining and Artillery Engagements on Franco-Belgian Front—French Official Says, Bulgarian Detachments are Pillaging Greek Frontier Villages—Greece Protests to Entente Powers Against Arrest of Greek Subjects at Saloniki—British Compulsory Military Bill Introduced in House of Commons Today, Providing for Military Service of All Males Between Ages of Eighteen and Forty-One, and Excluding Bachelors or Widowers without Children Dope. The Bill will Meet Support of those Opposed to it—British Losses in Loos Fighting Announced Today.

London, Jan. 5.—The Russians are making a desperate onslaught on the Austrians before Czernowitz and are advancing there.

Berlin reports only mining and artillery engagements on the Franco-Belgian front.

The Greek government has protested to the entente powers against the arrest of Greek subjects at Saloniki, demanding their release.

A French official says Bulgarian detachments are pillaging Greek frontier villages.

Russians at Czernowitz.

London, Jan. 5.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Havas Agency announces that the Austrians have evacuated Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina, the Russians having seized the heights dominating the town. A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says the Teutonic forces are reported to have evacuated Czernowitz. It adds that a large number of prisoners have been taken, including many Germans.

Berlin Denies Report.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Desperate attempts by the Russians to break through the Austrian lines in Galicia are continuing, but, according to Tuesday's official statement by the Austro-Hungarian war office, they have been everywhere successful and the Russians are declared to have suffered very heavy losses.

British Casualties at Loos.

London, Jan. 5.—The British casualties in the battle of Loos, France, from September 25 to October 8, totaled three hundred officers and fifty-seven thousand men, according to an announcement in the house of commons today.

British Military Bill.

London, Jan. 5.—The compulsory military service bill was introduced in the house of commons today by Mr. Asquith. There was the greatest assemblage of members since the war.

The compulsory bill provides for military service for all males between ages of 18 and 41, who are bachelors or widowers without children dependent upon them. Ireland is excluded from the terms of the measure.

Premier Asquith said the bill could be supported by those opposed to conscription. He praised Lord Derby's opposition.

An amendment to the munitions

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., Jan. 5.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is partly cloudy in the west and central portions, and much colder Thursday. Fair and colder in eastern portion.

Local Weather Data.

Highest temperature yesterday 70
Lowest temperature last night 61
Highest temperature same date last year 61
Lowest temperature same date last year 48

A PROGRESSIVE STEP

Harry L. Crockett Leaves Clerkship to Become Proprietor.

Harry L. Crockett, on one step, has gone from clerk to proprietor, and his friends are congratulating him upon his progressive move. For the past five years, Mr. Crockett has been a clerk in the Felter grocery store. He closed a deal yesterday for the purchase of the Anderson Bros. store at the corner of C and Main northwest, on the corner west of the Randol hotel, and took charge of the business this morning. The Anderson Bros. sign has been taken down and the sign for H. L. Crockett goes up in its stead.

Mr. Crockett has lived in Ardmore a number of years. He has a most estimable family, he enjoys a large acquaintance, and is devoted to business. He has a fund of experience in the grocery business and he has abundant assurance that he will succeed.

RETAILERS IN REGULAR MEET LAST NIGHT

DISCUSS MANY THINGS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO CITY — WILL HAVE BANQUET SOON AS DETAILS ARE ARRANGED.

To place Ardmore on a par with any city from Kansas City to Dallas as a retail center and to enter into open competition with Oklahoma City, Fort Worth and Dallas as a retail market, is the most important plan of the Business Men's association, which at its meeting last night discussed a plan for trade extension. Preparedness and judicious advertising was the keynote of the discussion, and every member present seemed satisfied that with systematic effort the out-of-town trade to Ardmore could be doubled at least during the next twelve months.

Everyone Listed.

The credit rating system of the association was reported to be in good shape, and it is now possible for any member of the association to secure information on practically everyone in the trade territory. So successful has the scheme of giving credit to the proper parties been that members of the association stated that their losses through bad accounts had been minimized to such an extent that it afforded them an opportunity to sell on a closer margin and would be a great factor in the trade extension movement, which is to be inaugurated.

Cigarettes Discussed.

A communication from Professor Richards, asking the co-operation of the business men in his campaign against cigarette smoking was discussed, and while expressions of approval were made, the matter took the regular course, and will come up at the next meeting. Prof. Richards wants the business men to go on record against the evil by taking the stand that boys who smoke them would not find any encouragement for employment from them.

Banquet Next Week.

The annual banquet of the association is to be held next week and is to be an elaborate affair. At that time there will be an election of officers, which was last night deferred for that occasion. In the meantime, a personal canvass will be made to secure additional members of the association.

CASE IS REMANDED

F. V. Fry to Get Another Trial on Forgery Charges.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 5.—The court of criminal appeals today reversed and remanded the case of F. V. Fry, from Wichita Falls, Texas, who was given a two-year sentence for forgery. Misconduct of the jury was alleged.

James Callahan Nominated.

Washington, Jan. 5.—President Wilson today nominated James Y. Callahan of Woodward, Okla., for register of the land office at Guthrie.

WOODMEN ARE MAKING BIG CAMPAIGN

CONTEST IS NOW ON BETWEEN CAMP AND CIRCLE TO SECURE NEW MEMBERS — ARDMORE CAMP IS LARGEST IN STATE.

Ardmore Camp No. 533, W. O. W., has the distinction of being the biggest camp of the order in the state, and it is doubtful if there is one anywhere in the country that exceeds it in point of membership.

Ardmore camp was organized in this city April 6, 1894, with twenty members. Today the camp has 303 members in good standing, and during the past month has initiated 171 members.

The remarkable growth in this city is due in a large measure to the active interest displayed by J. N. Morgan and James Galt. The latter has been secretary of the local camp for several terms, and takes pride in keeping the membership in line.

The Woodmen Circle here is the largest in the state, with a membership of 421 members, and there is a merry contest on between the camp and the circle to see which will secure the most members.

The winners of this contest will be feasted to a banquet by the losers and they are all actively at work to keep from being on the losing side. The contest will close this month.

WILL WAGE WAR ON THE CATTLE TICK

GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR HAS LOCATED HEADQUARTERS IN THIS CITY AND WILL BEGIN TO WAGE WAR.

E. K. Ward, United States veterinary inspector, has moved to this city and will begin a campaign to eliminate the cattle tick in Carter county. Mr. Ward will have temporary offices in the office of the United States Indian agent, where he may be consulted on all matters pertaining to the eradication of the cattle tick. A meeting of cattlemen will be held in this city in a few days, and plans will be adopted to install dipping vats. Mr. Ward states that he is very much encouraged over the outlook here and with the co-operation of the cattlemen hopes to put this section of the state above the quarantine line.

Mr. Ward has had many years' experience in this work, and states that he has come to this section of Oklahoma to better the condition of the cattlemen. Cattle free from ticks are worth very much more than those affected, and the government is furnishing a means to rid the country of the pest, if the people will adopt their methods.

REPORTED MEXICAN MASSACRE CONFIRMED

Douglas, Ariz., Jan. 4.—Persons arriving here today from the interior of Sonora confirmed the reported massacre a few weeks ago of male residents of San Pedro de la Cueva, all men over 15 years old being killed by the Villa soldiers before retreating into the state of Chihuahua. Among those killed, it was said, was Father Ramon Flores, who was shot when he interceded a third time with General Villa on behalf of the men.

Friends and relatives investigating the reported death of George Saunders, an American, who has been missing from Nacozari, Sonora, four months, stated that they practically had verified reports that Saunders' body was found by Mexican soldiers and buried. Efforts to locate the place of burial have been fruitless.

TEXAS POST OFFICE ROBBED

Robbers Secured Six Hundred Dollars in Stamps.

Cleburne, Texas, Jan. 5.—Robbers dynamited the safe in the post office at Rio Vista, near here this morning, obtaining six hundred dollars in stamps and forty dollars in currency. The officers have no clue.

CHARGES AGAINST OFFICIALS

Activity of Administration Officials Basis for Charges

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Charges circulated at the last session of congress that administration officials acted in the interest of the foreign bill are held as the base for the majority and minority reports of the senate investigating committee. The reports, which found the shipping interests blameless of illegal activity, are opposing the measure.

GOING AFTER VENDORS OF CIGARETTES

HABIT OF SCHOOLBOYS WILL BE BROKEN UP IF THE CAMPAIGN STARTED IS ADHERED TO — CITIZENS INDIGNANT.

The sale of cigarettes to minors will be a dangerous proposition in Ardmore if the crusade already started is maintained, and there is no doubt but what it will be. The other day a prominent citizen of the city wrote to the superintendent of the city schools, calling attention to this fact and since that time many others have joined in the crusade to put an end to the traffic. One prominent attorney in the city stated this morning that he would prosecute to the limit of the law anyone caught selling cigarettes to minors and the following communication was received by mail this morning:

"The Ardmoreite,

"City.

"In passing the Third ward school building just after school closed yesterday, I observed eight boys standing about one larger than the rest, watching him smoking cigarettes, and setting an example for the smaller scholars.

"Now, I believe that a little inquiry by the superintendent and a thorough investigation among the boys would locate the source of the cigarettes, and they could be made to tell who is selling them.

"I hope the man who spoke of this evil through the columns of The Ardmoreite a few days ago will be successful in putting his threats into execution. It can be done through the teachers. There is no excuse for not detecting it. The boy who smokes gives himself away by his odor, and above all his discolored fingers. Let's find out who is selling cigarettes to minors, and give them the limit. Very truly,

"J. M. HOARD."

VOTING ON RECALL OF OFFICIALS

MAYOR WOODWARD AND FIVE COMMISSIONERS MAY BE RECALLED — VOTE BEING TAKEN TODAY.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 5.—The recall of Mayor Woodward and five of the Atlanta commissioners is being voted on today at a special election.

The ouster is based on the reducing of the chief of police to a captaincy for alleged insubordination.

Birth.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kerns of North Washington St. January 5th.

SURVIVORS NOW AT ALEXANDRIA

REUTER SAYS SURVIVORS OF THE PERSIA HAVE ARRIVED IN EGYPT.

TWO CHILDREN SAVED

Mothers Who Rushed Below Deck to Get Their Babies Never Returned — Captain of Persia Was Among the Lost.

London, Jan. 5.—The survivors of the Persia are now at Alexandria, according to a Reuter's correspondent.

The tragedy was enacted so rapidly that few realized what had happened. Only those who left their seats in the saloon immediately had a chance to escape. Some who reached the deck lost their footing and were swept into the sea. Mothers who sought their children below decks never returned. Only two children were saved.

The captain is believed to have been lost with the ship.

The survivors lost everything they owned. During the thirty hours they spent in the boats they suffered from the cold.

The American embassy learns this afternoon that Rev. Homer Salisbury, an American, was on the Persia and is not included in the list of survivors.

Gerard Makes Inquiry.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Ambassador Gerard today conferred with the foreign office on the sinking of the Persia, and inquiring about the nationality of the submarine craft.

Confers with Lansing.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing conferred for an hour today over the submarine crisis. No additional facts beyond the definite knowledge that only two Americans were aboard, has been received by the state department. No action will be taken until further advice is received.

CATHEDRAL IS CLOSED

Attempted Suicide Causes Closing of Edifice.

Rome, Jan. 5.—Because a young man attempted suicide, blood being spilt, in the basilica of St. Peter's, that sacred edifice was closed today until it is re-consecrated, which will probably be tomorrow.

KRESS WILL NOT COME TO THIS CITY

NO REASONS HAVE BEEN LEARNED EXCEPT THAT TWO ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT KIND WILL NOT PAY HERE.

It has been reported that the Kress company will not open a store in this city at the present time, and, in fact, they have sold their West Main street property to T. H. Dunn of this city who will remodel it into modern stores.

No reason is assigned for the determination of the big department store firm to forsake the field, other than the fact that the Woolworth people have secured a ten-year lease on the Reed building, which is practically opposite the Kress property, and they figure that two stores of this kind would not pay in Ardmore at this time.

Mr. Dunn, whom it is reported, has purchased the property, could not be seen this morning, but it is stated that he will convert the buildings into modern stores with the probable ad-